

I am writing concerning a new police bill. This is long overdue. I am a professional and I know of two people directly where people were accused and arrested for things that they didn't do and the police lied on the affidavit to make this happen. It is ludicrous at what the police get away with. Both of the cops were caught lying and very little happened to them. In the real world, you get fired and that is it. If a citizen lies on a statement, they get arrested. This did not happen in either of these situations.

The Hartford police Chief Thody is a perfect example of this. Everyone knows that he is lying about his accident and covering up. He has been in trouble before and got off on that. Thody didn't want the State police or anyone to show up. He was probably drinking and didn't want anyone to see that. So he gets off with a reprimand in his personnel file...Big deal! Wow that is really consequences. This happens all of the time. The police get in trouble, lie and get off. They are investigated by other police that they see every day and that are in the building. That is very partial and stupid. If they get in any trouble the union comes in and spins everything. THAT has to stop. They should do what Camden NJ did. They totally re-did the dept and got rid of the unions permanently. The unions are basically there to protect the cops, make money and defend them in court, even when they are lying. This is not objective and should end. In the 21st century, it is amazing that this banana type of justice exists.

There is an officer in Hartford named Matt Secore. He has been in trouble numerous times. He even went into a cell and beat up the mayor's nephew 10 years ago, while he was off duty. He got fired, arrested and because of the union got his job back and go back pay. This is insane! He has been in trouble numerous times since then with more than a dozen complaints against him, but he is still on the force. How does this happen. He should have been fired a long time ago and it remained that way. It is the same as the cop in MN that choked that citizen. He had been in trouble, had numerous complaints against him and he was out on the street and look what happened. This has to stop!. There are too many cops that have done more illegal things than the citizens and have been arrested and they are still on the force. You need to get completely rid of the unions and the police causing problems need to serve a punishment based on a team of people in the community that are not friends with them and bias. This really needs to change.

Chief Thody, is a good public example of what the police get away with. They are above the law. Thody had a bar fight ten years ago with other cops and he said he doesn't remember anything because he was hit in the nose. How convenient. More police lying. Bronin did a terrible job in this case and when he appointed Thody as a chief there was no other candidates to choose from. This is completely wrong. The power of the mayor needs to go. The unions need to go and the people pay these salaries and they should have full say on their punishment's and investigations. PLEASE make drastic changes. Mark Lewis